REMARKS

In view of the above amendments and following remarks, reconsideration of the rejections contained in the Office Action of November 4, 2005 is respectfully requested.

The Examiner's indication that claim 1 is allowed is gratefully acknowledged. While Applicant does not agree with the Examiner's position with respect to claims 2-14, nonetheless these claims have now been canceled. The same is true for claims 15 and 16. The subject matter of claims 6-14 has been re-presented as method claims dependent from original independent method claim 1 in the form of new claims 17-25. New claims 26 and 27 correspond to prior claims 15 and 16, but have also been redrafted as method claims. For the same reasons as our applicable with respect to claim 1, these claims should clearly be in condition for allowance.

Accordingly, it may be seen that all of the claims now pending in the present application are in condition for allowance, and indication of such is respectfully requested.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is submitted that the present application is now in condition for allowance, and the Examiner is requested to pass the case to issue. If the Examiner should have any comments or suggestions to help speed the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicant's undersigned representative.

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